Handling over of sick NTC Mills to Workers

782. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finally decided to hand over 42 sick NTC mills to workers;

(b) whether any criteria has been fixed for handing over such mills;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the details of total sick textile mills finally decided to be closed alongwith those handed over to workers State-wise and mill-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) Government is willing to support any viable proposal for cooperativisation of NTC mills (provided it bears the consent of all parties concerned). However, no concrete proposal in this regrd has been received so far.

Problems of Azam Jahi Mills

783. SHRI N.E. BALARAM:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representation dated the 12th January, 1993 has been received from Azam Jahi Mills Employee's Union, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to look into the problems of Azam Jahi Mills;

(c) whether some officials of NTC New Delhi visited this mill on the 20th November, 1992;

(d) if so, what are the proposals and suggestions made by the visiting team of officials; and

(e) what decision has been taken by Government on such suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Azam Jahi Mills Employees' Union Warangal have, from time to time, requested inter-alia, that the mills be modernised to ensure its continued operation.

(c) and (d) A team consisting of Senior Officers of NTC, State Government and representatives of Labour Unions visited Azam Jahi Mills and opined that the mill could be made viable with substantial investment in modernisation.

(e) Azam Jahi Mills, Warangal has been identified to be non-viable due to inter-alia, recurrent losses, low productivity, high man machine ratio etc. The question of closure or retention of individual mills of NTC will depend on the impact on viability of labour rationalisation now being done through Voluntary Retirement Scheme and other relevant factors. An offer has also been made to the workers that the mill would be handed over to a Workers' cooperative, if workers come up with a concrete proposal with the concurrence of all parties concerned to this effect.

Lack of Credit Facilities for Sericulture Scheme

784. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of government has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "sericulture scheme lacking credit flow" as approved in the Economic Times dated the 18th January, 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that several World aided sericulture schemes could not be implemented effectively due to lack of credit flow; and

(c) if so, what steps Government has taken to implement the schemes and to ease credit flow for the sericulture industry?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.